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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the specification as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraphs [28] through [32] as follows (a marked-up copy of the amendments is provided as an attachment to this Amendment):

[28] FIGS. 2A – 2D are schematic views illustrating a valve plate, inlet valve, discharge valve and head cover of the conventional reciprocating compressor;

[29] FIGS. 3A and 3B are diagrams illustrating an operation of an inlet valve of the conventional reciprocating compressor;